

2009 Russian River Sauvignon Blanc

VINTAGE: 2009

APPELLATION: Sonoma County, Russian River Valley, California

COMPOSITION: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

OAK PLAN: 100% Stainless Steel

BOTTLED DATE: January 10, 2010

ALCOHOL: 13.2% harvested at 22.1 to 22.8 Brix

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

The 2009 vintage was perhaps the perfect growing season for aromatic white grapes in the Russian River Valley. It was a long moderately cool summer, without any heat spikes during the crucial ripening period. Cool mornings with fog shrouding the vines maintained this Sauvignon Blanc's keen natural acid structure along with more of the mineral and citrus aspects of its fruit, the warm afternoons, low 80's help develop more melon and tropical fruit characters, which together have given this wine a very broad and complex range of flavors . The grapes for this vintage came from 2 Russian River Valley vineyards. Our own Vicini Vineyard located in a lower lying area off Shiloh road in Windsor, and from a ranch further north that borders the Russian River itself as it meanders through Healdsburg. The 2 vineyards were harvested and vinified separately until just before fermentation was complete at which time they were blended to create better harmony, balance and integration the fruit.

TASTING NOTES

This wine displays a brilliant, almost sparkling Lime green hue. The nose is beautifully complex with a rich depth of minerality, melon, and crisp grapefruit . The palate is powerfully refreshing. This minerality persists intertwining with the fruit as it expands across the palate to an almost seamless finish. Small popping of tropical flavors and crisp clean acidity throughout the wines delicious journey. Small hints of lime, sweet lemon-grass, and clean minerality help drive this complex and very satisfying Sauvignon Blanc to the last drop.

Pairs Well with : Italian Fare, Oysters, Fresh Salad and Vegies, Scallops, Pasta, and Pesto Dishes

Awards : **Best of Class** - 2010 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

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Gold - 2010 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

Two Big Thumbs Up and a Wow - Nick Ahmadi, International Wine Aficionado

